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1. DEPARTMENT OFFICER AND MISSION OFFICER ACCOMPANIED REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. SHRIMPING INDUSTRY TO APRIL 27 MEETING WITH EC COMMISSION FISHERY OFFICIALS (MARCUSSEN, FARNELL, AND VON WULLERSTORFF) FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF FRENCH GUIANA SHRIMPING ISSUES. INDUSTRY REPS (MR. JACK SAHLMAN, MR. WILLIAM UTZ, AND MR. THOMAS HOPKINS) HAD OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY TO COMMISSION OFFICIALS THEIR GENERAL CONCERNS RELATING TO COMMUNITY  
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REGULATION OF FRENCH GUIANA SHRIMP FISHERY AND TO DISCUSS SUCH SPECIFIC ISSUES AS CATCH REPORTING PROCEDURES.

2. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION, MARCUSSEN EMPHASIZED COMMUNITY VIEW THAT, DUE TO SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE OF DECLINING CATCHES IN THE FISHERY, REFLECTING DECLINING STOCKS, NUMBER OF LICENSES AVAILABLE TO FOREIGN VESSELS

AFTER MAY 31 WILL CERTAINLY NOT EXCEED THAT WHICH CURRENTLY OBTAINS. HE INDICATED THAT RECENT BRAZILIAN ACTION TO EXCLUDE FOREIGN VESSELS FROM BRAZILIAN WATERS MIGHT IN FACT REQUIRE REDUCTION OF EC LICENSING TOTAL, SINCE PRESSURE ON FRENCH GUIANA RESOURCES WOULD INCREASE.

HE EMPHASIZED THAT, IN ANY CASE, COMMUNITY WOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE LICENSING PREFERENCE TO THOSE VESSELS WHICH LAND CATCHES IN CAYENNE. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT, DURING NEXT ROUND OF LICENSING, WHICH MIGHT EXTEND THROUGH END OF 1978, COMMISSION INTENDS TO PROPOSE TO THE EC COUNCIL THAT THE CURRENT FISHING PLAN SYSTEM BE KEPT IN EFFECT FOR THOSE VESSELS NOT BASED IN CAYENNE. HE SAID THAT THE COMMISSION IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF DRAWING UP THE REGULATION FOR THE NEXT LICENSING ROUND BUT THAT IT WOULD NOT SUBMIT THAT PROPOSAL TO THE COUNCIL UNTIL THE END OF MAY.

3. IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT OFFICER'S COMMENT THAT FRENCH HAVE NOW ACCEPTED USG PROPOSAL FOR COOPERATIVE SHRIMP TAGGING PROJECT, MARCUSSEN EMPHASIZED THAT COMMISSION WELCOMES STUDY AND WILL BE INTERESTED IN ITS RESULTS. DEPARTMENT OFFICER ALSO CONVEYED TO COMMISSION OFFICIALS USG DESIRE THAT ALL U.S. FLAG VESSELS OPERATING IN THE AREA, WHETHER BASED IN FRENCH GUIANA OR NOT, RECEIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION IN COMMUNITY LICENSING.

4. BOTH COMMISSION OFFICIALS AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTA-  
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TIVES EXPRESSED VIEW THAT MEETING HAD BEEN USEFUL, PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF EACH SIDE GAINING BETTER APPRECIATION FOR THE OTHER'S CONCERNS. HINTON

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